

March 22, 2010

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**RE: Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for Increases and
Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for Mid-Period
Reduction in Base Rates for Fuel**

Docket No. 2012-218-E: Petition to Intervene of AARP

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Attached herewith for electronic filing please find the Petition to Intervene of AARP in the above referenced matter. By copy of this letter I am serving all parties of record to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Stephen R. Suggs

cc: Nanette S. Edwards
 K. Chad Burgess
 Frank Knapp, Jr.
 H. Mark Hamlet
 Ellen M. Evans
 Scott Elliott

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 2012-218-E

IN RE:

Application of South Carolina Electric)	
& Gas Company for Increases and)	
Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
and Tariffs and Request for Mid-Period)	
Reduction in Base Rates for Fuel)	

AARP hereby petitions the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") to intervene and be made a party of record in the above-captioned docket, pursuant to R.103-825 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. AARP states the following grounds in support of its petition:

1. AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that advocates for people who are 50 years of age and older, including those on low, fixed incomes, seeking to promote their independence, choice and control in ways that are beneficial and affordable to them and to society as a whole. In 1999, the "American Association of Retired Persons" legally changed its name to simply "AARP", in recognition of the fact that people do not have to be retired to be members. AARP is a non-profit corporation that has been granted tax exempt status under Section 501 (c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code as a social welfare organization.

AARP has over 37 million members, 540,000 of whom reside in South Carolina and many of whom are customers of SCE&G.

2. AARP promotes the well-being of older persons through advocacy, education, and service on a number of priority issues. AARP has determined that advocacy for reasonable utility rates and service for older consumers is one of these priority issues. AARP's interest in this matter relates to how this case may impact those older South Carolina energy customers who are currently receiving electric service from SCE&G, particularly

those living on fixed incomes and struggling to make ends meet. Older customers are particularly vulnerable to increases in energy prices and many are on a fixed income that makes variations in expenses especially difficult. Older customers generally devote a higher percentage of their total spending than do other age groups on residential energy costs. Older customers frequently have special needs with regard to access to electric service due to age related vulnerability and/or medical issues. At this stage of the proceeding, AARP does not have sufficient information to determine exactly what positions it will take.

3. AARP's mailing address is:

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4. Service and correspondence regarding this proceeding should be sent to:

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5. Once SCE&G files its direct testimony, AARP shall review it and determine whether to file responsive testimony, and if so, by whom. It will inform the Commission as to the amount of time needed for that witness to present his direct testimony.

6. Granting AARP's request to be made a party of record in this proceeding is in the public interest, is consistent with the policies of the Commission in encouraging maximum public participation in issues before it, and should be allowed so that a full and complete record addressing its views and concerns may be developed.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth above, AARP respectfully requests permission to intervene in this proceeding. AARP further requests that the Commission set at

least four public hearings prior the hearing on this docket. AARP would specifically request those hearing be set in Aiken, Columbia, Lexington and Summerville.

Respectfully submitted,



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September 7, 2012

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the **Petition to Intervene** of AARP, in Docket No. 2012-218-E has been served on this 6th day of September, 2012 by by depositing a copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties of record as follows:

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